**Fresno, CA** - Today, Congressman Jim Costa (CA-20) announced Fresno County as the recipient of five Department of Housing and Urban Development grants totaling over \$13 million. Various cities in Fresno County will receive funds from the Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Shelter Grant, American Dream Downpayment Initiative, HOME program and Capital Fund Program.

" As our communities grow so do housing needs and these funds help various people and organizations realize their goal of making housing options available to more community residents, " Congressman Costa said.

Fresno County will receive just under \$8 million from the Community Development Block Grant, American Dream Downpayment Initiative, Emergency Shelter Grant and HOME program combined. In addition, the Housing Authority of Fresno City and County will receive approximately \$4.5 million from the Capital Fund which assists housing authorities in modernization, development, financing and management improvements. The city of Firebaugh is a recipient of the Community Development Block Grant and will receive \$706,937 to improve housing and economic opportunities in urban areas.

" Through the use of these funds Fresno County cities and agencies will have the ability to build and maintain various housing opportunities for rural and urban areas alike, " concluded Congressman Costa.

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